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PORTSMOUTH MAN CHARGED WITH SELLING “CRACK” COCAINE

Re: United States v. Geraldo Gonzalez

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, and Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant announce that Geraldo Gonzalez, 42, most recently of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was arrested by the Portsmouth Police on Wednesday January 4, 2006, and charged by complaint the next day in the United States District Court, Concord with distribution of “crack” cocaine. The defendant appeared before United States District Court Judge Joseph DiClerico, who ordered Gonzalez detained pending indictment and trial.

Gonzalez was arrested following a two month investigation into his alleged drug trafficking activities. On the night of January 4, 2005, investigating officers and agents orchestrated the purchase of approximately one ounce of “crack” cocaine and a 1/4 ounce of powder cocaine. After the deal took place, police arrested Gonzalez near Exit 7 on Interstate 95.

The Drug Enforcement Administration, New Hampshire State Police and the Kittery, Maine Police were instrumental in assisting the Portsmouth Police in this case. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Mark Howard.

A complaint is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all cases, each defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.